Prices of Diphenhydramine Hcl

1388. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 16 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Diphenhydramine Hcl was under price control under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, the price per Kg. before DPCO 1987, present price and percentage change;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is substantial increase of price of finished medicines based on this drug after price decontrol; and

(d) if so, what was earlier price, present price and percentage change in each brand?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The required information to the extent available are given below:—

Name of drug	Price before DPCO 1987	Current price	% change
	Rs.	Rs.	
Diphenhydramine	229.78/kg.	422.35/kg.	83.8
Benadryl Spy. 114 ml.	6.08	7.36	21.1
Do. 456 ml.	19.30	22.51	16.6
Benadryl Caps. 25 mg. 10's	2.18	2.55	17.0
Do. 100's	16.90	19.73	16.8
Benadryl Expectorant 14ml	6.36	9.00	52.8
Do. 456ml.	18.55	24.02	29.5
Benadryl Kaps 50 mg 50's	10.46	12.22	16.8

Price Control on Harmone Drugs

1389. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Harmone drugs which are under price decontrol under DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of leader Harmone finished medicines are almost double the price of other brands;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been made to Kelkar Committee for price control of Harmone drugs as they do not fulfil exclusion criters;

(d) if so, what are the details of all such representations along with the justification the basis given in the representations; and

(e) what action has been taken on these representations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) All harmones, not included in schedule first and second, to DPCO, 1987, have been price decontrolled.

(b) As per provision of DPCO, 1987 the manufacturers are free to revise the prices of their non-scheduled formulations. However Government is keeping a watch and intervening wherever necessary.

(c) to (e) Details of representations received from the Industry, organisations/Associations and Members of Parliament regarding inclu-